

Claims 1, 4-12, 14-17, 20 and 24-33 have been cancelled without prejudice, and claims 34-80 have been added. No new matter has been added by virtue of the new claims. For instance, support for the new claims appears e.g. at page 3, line 14 through page 4, line 2; page 5, lines 3-4 and 21-24; page 7, lines 9-19; page 8, lines 21-26; page 9, lines 24- 29; page 10, line 27 through page 11, line 20; and the original claims of the application.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted under separate cover.

Claims 1, 4-11, 15-17, 24, 25, 27-29 and 31-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Pavelchek et al. (U.S. Patent 5,939,236).

Claims 12 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Pavelchek et al. (U.S. Patent 5,939,236) in view of Grill.

For the sake of brevity, the two rejections are addressed in combination. Such a combined response is considered appropriate because, *inter alia*, each rejection relies on U.S. Patent 5,939,236 as the sole or primary citation. Each rejection is traversed.

The pending claims call for methods that include an applying a coating layer of an organic antireflective composition that comprises a component with Si substitution, such as an organosilicon resin.

The Pavelchek document does not disclose the claimed system.

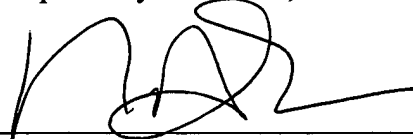
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Additionally, with regard to the Section 103 rejection, enclosed herewith are copies of recorded Assignments for the present application and the cited Pavelchek document, which show that both cases are assigned to the same entity, i.e. Shipley Company. Accordingly, the Section 103 rejection can be withdrawn on that basis alone.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are requested.

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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